

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
TYLER DIVISION**

THOMAS S. SCHEAFER,

Plaintiff,

v.

**EDWARD SLOAN AND ASSOCIATES,
INC.,**

Defendant.

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**CIVIL ACTION NO. 6:20-CV-00066-JCB-
JDL**

ORDER

On February 12, 2020, Plaintiff Thomas Scheafer filed this action against Defendant Edward Sloan and Associates, Inc. for alleged violations of the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (“FDCPA”), 15 U.S.C. § 1692, *et seq.*, the Telephone Consumer Protection Act (“TCPA”), 47 U.S.C. § 227 *et seq.*, and the Texas Debt Collection Act (“TDCA”), Tex. Fin. Code. Ann. § 392 *et seq.* (Doc. No. 1.) Before the Court is Plaintiff’s motion for leave to appear by telephone at the scheduling conference in this action currently set for July 8, 2020, at 2:00 p.m. (Doc. No. 17). Plaintiff’s counsel is located in Illinois, and would need to travel by plane to appear at the conference. *Id.* at ¶¶ 4–5. In light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Plaintiff’s counsel requests leave to appear telephonically. *Id.* at ¶ 6.

The Court is cognizant of the ongoing effects of COVID-19 and the importance of limiting travel during this time. Accordingly, Plaintiff’s motion (Doc. No. 17) is **GRANTED**. It is **ORDERED** that the parties will attend the status conference by telephone. The parties shall call 877-336-1839, Access Code 3698822, followed by the # key.

So ORDERED and SIGNED this 24th day of June, 2020.



JOHN D. LOVE
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE